e engaged on either side. The wast strength to

errated into Bohemia from Sexuay by way of Reichenberg. The day previously, Turnan, at the junction of the North Bohemian railways, had been occupied by them. Moving theme in a south-western direction, they found themselves confronted, it is reported, by 50,000 or 60,000 Austrians and 10,000 Sexons. The enemy had taken up a strong position, on the top of a hill, contesting the possession of it with great continuor. Of particulars, few have come to hand, but the taxes speaks for itself. The Prussians got as far as Fürsten-brück, five miles south of Münchengriitz. Above 1,000 prisoners were sent to the rear, the dead and wounded on both sides being calculated at 3,000. As the consequence of all these operations, and the slow but steady advance of the two Prussians armics, approaching a common center from different points of the circumference of the country, we see the Crown Prince and Prince Frederick Charles to have reduced the distance between them to about 40 miles. With overy step in advance made by the Royal contains, the Austrians opposed to the Crown Prince run a greater risk of being wedged in between the Princes has been already effected along the North Bohemian railway line.

The caution your tenders against placing implicit credence in telegrams direct from the battle-field. I will test the accuracy of some remarkable disputches of this class. On the 27th, the day of his brist stiant, the Crown Prince, as we have seen failed to attack Skalitz. Upon this, Austrian official telegrams appeared in the Vienna and South German papers, stating that the Prussians had been beaten, were in full retroat, and reduced to petition tor an armistice. Prussian dispatches on the other hand, spoke of a brilliant action in which the enemy had been repulsed—omitting, however, to mention whether any definite result had been attained. As appears from the above, neither of these telegrams was correct. Far from being in full retreat, the Prussians were able to take the collider of their intrenchments on the second.

The Prussian Triumphs in Bohemia.

From The London News, July 2. Since we last noticed the success of the Prussians in Bohemia. Austrian accounts of the battles of Nachod and Trantenau have been received. They are very distinct. Thus, we read in one dated Pardubits, June 29: "The Prussians were yesterday completely defeated by the Austrian forces under Gen. von Gubierz. Leaving behind 1,000 killed and wounded, they sethdres to Prussian territory toward Glats." But we have she an official dispatch from Berlin of one day's later date, in which this same battle is mentioned with equal clearness. "The Austrian corps, under Gen. Gablonz, was completely brokes up. Beside innumerable prisoners, twenty guns, five colors and two standards belonging to the corps of Gen. Gablonz, fell into the hands of the Prussian troops." And this is only one instance of the irreconcilable opposition between the accounts furnished by the two parties. It will be remembered that in the Austrian dispatch, dated "Pardubitz, Juns 27, evoning," it was stated that the Prusians were "in full retreat from Nachod;" nevertheless they were fixing on the same ground on the next and following days. The difficulty in which the attentive reader is placed by these contradictions is one that was not felt either daring the American war or in the Italian war of 1852. After a battle between Federals and Confederates it was always possible to make out who had gained the day, although our information came exclusively from New-York. We expect to find the vitorious and the defeated generals variously arging the art of "putting things," but we expect them to represent the same facts, and not to report the retreat of an opponent when the only thing doubtful is whether the forces of the general recording can venture to bivounc on the ground. Pains spent in discussing the bearings of facts which are themselves as doubtful would be thrown away. All we can do its wait and see which side is compelled to give ground.

This morning's news bringans further contradictions. We have an official the properties of the Austrians of the Prussians for the Prussian for the fine present of the in Bohemia, Austrian accounts of the battles of Nachod and Transcame have been received. They are very distinct. Thus,

the furthest point in their line of retreat to which the Austrians have yet bein driven.

These are startling results, and get they are no more than any one unfettered by military prejudices would have autherpated. There may be still some lingering doubts among old hands as to whether a Breech-loader shows as "hard"—hother words, carries quie as far—as a Manzie-loader, but the better opinion is that if held straight it is fully equal to its awkward rival in this respect, while no one ever venured to doubt that it does much greater execution. Now, a battle strongly resembles a battle, with this difference, that coolness and self-possession are far rarer and of far more importance. If sportsmen are often flurried by the difficulty of loading fast enough while birds are getting up on all sides, how can young soldiers be expected to keep their heads clear and their hands steady in the process of ramming down while they are them selves under fire!

Without experience, however, no reform involving considerable expense is likely to find favor with heads of Departments in this country. It is on this ground that we have invited attention to the experiments which have lately been tried on the largest scale in real warfare, and we now most carneally represent the argent necessity of profiting by them. It was but last mouth that Marshal Benedek encowraged his troops to despise the alloyed superiority of Prussian firearms, and to rely on the bayonet, and we already see the consequence. Every one knows that bayonets are seldom actually crossed, when they are crossed, it by no means follows that those who carry the worst rifles will give the most vigorous thrust, and before they are crossed it is certain that rapidity of fire will tell fatally. With these facts before us not a day should be lost in arming our own infantry with breech-loaders of the most available pattern. There is no official in the War Department who would himself think of using a muzzle-loader in cover shooting, if he had the option of a breech-loader or who would like to confront with the former an enemy provided with the latter. Then, why dela

Gen. Manuscuffel's Army—12.000 Austrian Prisoners—Prussin Safeguarding the Hear.

Correspondence of The London Times.

Berlin, July 1, 1866.

In the central and western theaters of war the hostile armies begin at length to march against each other. Gen. Manuscuffel, who, with 15,000 men had been so long encamped near Nordhausen, in Prussian Sarony, to prevent the Hanoverians army from attempting retrest in that direction, is marching South, bound for Gotha or Causel, we know not which. The other Prussian corps, which, with headquarters at Eisenach, had been employed in watching the Hanoverians from the South, has moved further South, and, according to my last advices, got to Salaungen, in the valley of the Werra. Something like 20 miles nearer the Main we meet with the Federal outposts at Meiningen, in the Duchy of the same name. They are Bavarians from the Eamberg camp, which is an intermediate like between the Federal at Frankfort and the bulk of the Havarian army, and to be stationed near Hof. on the Saxon frontier. In the far West the Prussians have entered Nassau, and occupied Ems, where they shut up the roulette table, a forbidden institution in Frussia. Their van has been pushed up the valley of the Lahn. Their advent has had the contingent effect of frightening the gentlemen of the gambling table from Wilestaden, and causing their hasty retreat to Paris. The force of the Federals at Frankfort, which must be eventually dealt with, consists of 60,000 men—a far larger number than Prussia at this moment commands in that neighborhood. In a few days, however, the Prussian reconferencements will have come up, and made their Rhenish comrades something like a match for their opponents. Among other minor contingents, to be immediately added to the Frussian forces in the south, are those of the two Mackienburgs, who were to march for their destination on the 3d. The Federals just mentioned consist of 6,000 Nassauers, 6,000 Casselers, and 12,000 Austrian prisoners taken on the 25th, 27th, and 38th has been ascertai

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